

Lisa Barrett Mann

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EDUCATION

M.S.Ed. University of Kansas
Major: Special Education
Area: Autism & Asperger Syndrome
Thesis: "Evidence-Based Interventions for Individuals with Asperger Syndrome"
Date: February 2008

Awards/Honors

- Honors, Thesis Defense
- Outstanding Master's Project, Univ. of Kansas School of Education
- Second Place, University of Kansas Graduate Research Competition
- Invited Presenter, Kansas Capitol Graduate Research Summit

30 Graduate Virginia Tech
Credits Major: Clinical Psychology
Dates: 1985 – 1986

B.A. University of Maryland
Major: Psychology
Date: May 1985

Continuing Education Training

- Managing Meltdowns w/ Jed Baker, 2008
- Navigating the Social World w/Jeanette McAfee, 2008
- Floortime w/Jake Greenspan, 2008
- Discrete Trial Training w/ Ron & Justin Leaf, 2007
- Integrated Play Groups w/ Pamela Wolfberg, 2006
- Asperger Syndrome and Adolescence w/ Brenda Smith Myles, 2005
- The Hidden Curriculum w/ Brenda Smith Myles, 2004
- The Out of Sync Child (sensory processing disorder) w/ Carol Stock Kranowitz, 2003
- Asperger Syndrome w/ Tony Attwood (multiple conferences), 2002, 2004, 2008
- Social Stories & Comic Strip Conversations w/ Carol Gray, 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner, Asperger's Interventions

Overland Park, KS

March 2008 – Present

Consultant to families of children and adolescents with high functioning autism spectrum disorders (Asperger syndrome, high functioning autism, and PDD-NOS). Services include social skills training, assessment, functional behavior analysis (FBA), behavioral and cognitive-behavioral interventions, and parent training.

Autism Consultant

September 2006 - Present

Provide consulting services to Kansas City-area school districts in the areas of autism spectrum disorders and emotional-behavioral disorders. Services include classroom observation, assessment, data collection, functional behavior analysis, individual student intervention, parent interviews, IEP consultation, report writing, social skills training groups, and staff training (teachers and paraprofessionals).

Freelance Editor (Developmental Disabilities)

Woodbine House (Bethesda, MD) and Autism Asperger Publishing Co. (Shawnee Mission, KS)

2004 – 2008

Performed developmental and substantive editing of books on autism spectrum disorders, Tourette syndrome, and parenting of children with special needs.

Freelance Health Reporter, *The Washington Post*

Washington, DC

2003 – 2006

Contributed articles on Asperger syndrome, autism, and other developmental disorders, as well as a variety of other topics in health care and psychology.

United Communications Group (UCG)

Rockville, MD

- Group Publisher: 1997 – 2000
- Publisher: 1995 – 1997
- Managing Editor: 1994 – 1995

Oversaw all editorial and marketing for the \$3-million home health care division. Planned and chaired numerous national workshops and conferences. Designed and launched the division's website. Hired, trained, and managed a staff of eight (including editors, journalists, marketers, and administrative professionals). Developed a bench-marking system for quality care in home health agencies.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Teaching Social Skills to Children with Asperger Syndrome” – Guest Lecture, Pittsburgh State University Graduate School, April 2009
- “Asperger Syndrome in the Classroom: Managing and Preventing Meltdowns” – Kansas City Area Process Coordinators’ Training, April 2009
- “From *Blue’s Clues* to *Championship Wrestling* – What TV’s taught me about raising a child with an ASD” – Keynote Address, Nebraska ASD Network Annual Conference, April 2009
- “Asperger Syndrome: From a Mother’s and Son’s Perspectives” (with son David, 13) -- Nebraska ASD Network Annual Conference, April 2009
- “From *Blue’s Clues* to *Championship Wrestling* – What TV’s taught me about raising a child with an ASD” – Guest Lecture, Pittsburgh State University Graduate School, April 2009
- “Asperger Syndrome: From a Mother’s and Son’s Perspectives” (with son David, 13) – Guest Lecture, Pittsburgh State University Graduate School, April 2009
- “ASDs in the General Education Classroom” – Professional development training, Harrisonville, MO school district, March 2009
- “ASD in the Classroom – Tips for Paraprofessionals” – Professional development training, Pleasant Hill, MO School District, March 2009
- “Effective Interventions for Asperger Syndrome: What the Research Shows” – Blue Valley Educational Foundation, February 2009
- “Evidence-Based Interventions for Asperger Syndrome” – University of Kansas, Dept. of Special Education, 50th Anniversary Special Professional Development Day for Teachers and Administrators, May 2008
- “Enhancing Social Skills in Children with ASDs” – Belton School District, Parent Support Group, April 2008

SELECT PUBLICATIONS**Books**

Mann, Lisa Barrett (2008). *More Than Little Professors. Children with Asperger Syndrome: In Their Own Words*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.

Book Chapters

Mann, Lisa Barrett (In Press). "Evidence-Based Interventions for Asperger Syndrome." In B.S. Myles & R.L. Simpson, *Asperger Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Educators (3rd Edition)*. Austin, TX: Pro-Ed

Mann, Lisa Barrett (In Press). "Social Skills at School (Power Cards)" and "Social Skills in the Community (Scripting)." In R. Schelvan & T.C. Swanson (Eds.), *10 Practical Strategies for a Person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.

"Glossary" (2008). In Buron, Kari Dunn, & Wolfberg, Pamela (Eds.), *Learners on the Autism Spectrum: Preparing Highly Qualified Teachers*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.

Mann, Lisa Barrett (2007). "Asperger's Disorder" and "High Functioning Autism." In B. S. Myles, T. C. Swanson, J. Holverstott, & M. M. Duncan (Eds.), *Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Handbook for Parents and Professionals*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Articles

Mann, Lisa Barrett (2005, June 28). "A 'Cure' for Autism?" *The Washington Post*, p. F-3.

Mann, Lisa Barrett (2004, August 17). "Tilting at Asperger's." *The Washington Post*, p. F-2.

Barrett, Lisa (2003, January 14). "Lessons From the Little Professor. Asperger's Syndrome: 'Wired Differently—Not Defectively.'" *The Washington Post*, p. HE-1.

Manuscripts Edited

Loomis, James W. (2008). *Staying In the Game: Providing Social Opportunities for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities*. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.

Marsh, Tracy Lynn (2007). *Children with Tourette Syndrome: A Parents' Guide*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Fawcett, Heather, and Baskin, Amy (2006). *More Than a Mom: Living a Full and Balanced Life When Your Child Has Special Needs*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.